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## New Brockton Town Council rejects proposal to change garbage pickup day

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Following a short discussion during the December meeting of the New Brockton Town Council, it appeared the majority was not in favor of granting a request from Arrow Disposal Services to change the town's

garbage pickup day from Tuesday to Friday. One month later, the request remained unfavorable.

The council chose to table the issue during the December meeting to allow more time to consider the request. The council met for its first meeting in

### Local officials continue search for man reported missing in Kinston

Several law enforcement agencies joined forces this week to search for a Kinston man reported missing Sunday, Jan. 2, by family members.

The Kinston Police Department was contacted by family members of Joseph Delane Finkley on Sunday.

Finkley was reported missing at approximately 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, however, he was last seen around 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1, in the area of Hwy. 52 and Smith Road.

Finkley, age 39, is a white male. He is approximately 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds and has grey eyes with short brown hair. Officials said he was last seen wearing a red, white and black hooded shirt, blue jeans and house slippers.

The Kinston Police Department is being assisted in

the investigation of Finkley's disappearance by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Coffee County District Attorney's Office, Department of Forensic Sciences, Kinston Fire and Rescue, the Dale County Sheriff's Department Aviation Unit and the Houston County Rescue Unit.

These officials have been working to collect any possible clues that may lead to Finkley's whereabouts. They also are interviewing any possible witnesses.

Foul play has not been ruled out and the investigation is continuing. Anyone with information concerning Finkley's disappearance is asked to call the Kinston Police Department at (334) 565-3114 or the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at (334) 347-2222 or (334) 894-5535.

### Remembering Shandez Daniels

## Former Elba football player dies nine years after paralyzing football accident

While in high school, Shandez Daniels developed a career as an athletic standout at Elba High School in various sports, especially basketball.

During his senior year, the 1995-96 school term, Daniels chose to become an Elba Tiger football player, and throughout the season, he enjoyed much success on the gridiron.

As the season neared its end, the Elba Tigers already had secured a spot in the state playoffs and were looking forward to closing out the regular season with the annual Homecoming game, Friday, Nov. 3, 1995. It turned out to be another win for the Tigers that night; however, one tragic play overshadowed it all.

While trying to make a tackle during a kickoff return, Shandez Daniels suffered an injury that

left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Daniels was rushed to Flowers Hospital in Dothan that night for emergency surgery. He

spent nearly a month there before being transferred to Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Ga., where he spent Christmas, his birthday and New Year's Day. It was nearly two months after the accident before Daniels returned home.

A tribute in the Elba High School yearbook, the 1996 Elbala, best described this young man and his unfortunate situation.

"Despite his injury, Shandez maintained the attitude and personality he always had. Shandez realized that it was the support of others and the grace of God that helped him adjust to his

2005 Monday evening, Jan. 3, and the members put the issue to rest when the request was denied.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole said Arrow requested the change in pickup day because company officials indicated they could better service the New Brockton area on Friday rather than Tuesday.

Cole said the pickup day did not matter to him as long as Arrow picks up the garbage consistently.

According to the current contractual agreement, Arrow picks up the household garbage once a week on Tuesday in the Town of New Brockton.

Council member Jeffery White said there is a lot of trash put out over the weekends. He said he was against changing and felt like the pickup day should remain on Tuesday.

"I'm not for changing it to Friday," council member Vicky Harrison said. "If they're (Arrow) not able to accommodate us on the day they're supposed to, they've got the problem."

Council member Richard Driskell offered the motion with a second from White to not accept the change for the garbage pickup day. The motion

passed with a 4-2 vote. Mayor Cole and council member Cal Donnis Howard cast the opposing votes.

Council members accepted the resignation of Debra Andrews, the senior citizen center director. According to her

letter of resignation, Andrews said the town will immediately begin accepting applications and resumes in the search for a new senior center director. He

Mayor Cole said Andrews has a new job. He expressed his gratitude for the good job she had done as the senior center director.

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## New Brockton Town Council supports mayor's appointment of Jerome Cobb as Chief of Police

by Linda Hodge, Editor

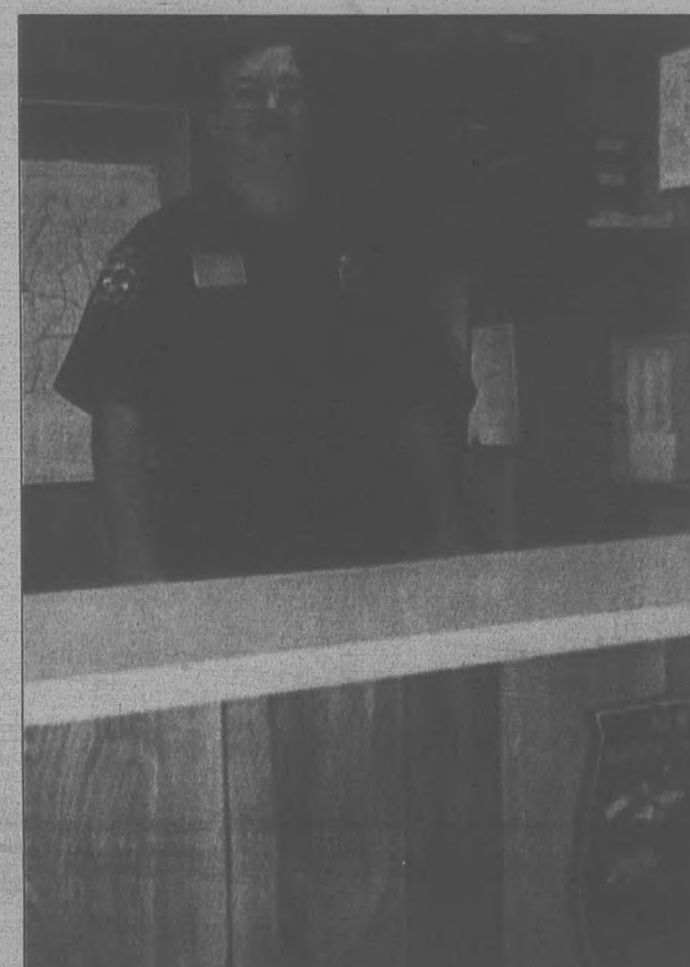
The search for New Brockton's next chief of police ended Monday evening, Jan. 3, when the New Brockton Town Council unanimously voted to support the appointment of officer Jerome Cobb as chief.

Mayor Charles Cole said he and council member Johnnie Herron had interviewed three people for the position.

On Monday evening, Cole said he was ready to appoint Jerome Cobb Jr. as police chief. Council member Jeffery White quickly made a motion to accept the appointment. He received a second from council member Richard Driskell, and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Cobb began his law enforcement career in 1982, with the New Brockton Police Department. He worked with New Brockton for approximately three years before moving on to work with other departments including Level Plains, Newton, Midland City and the Opp Police Department.

Cobb also spent six years as an investigator with the Covington County Sheriff's Department. He served as Kinston's Chief of Police for approximately two years and Samson's Chief of Police for approximately three years



Jerome Cobb officially became New Brockton's Police Chief during the town's monthly council meeting Monday, Jan. 3. Cobb has been in charge of day-to-day operations of the department since Aug. 25 when former police chief Boyd Hartzog resigned.

before volunteering to go overseas, Cobb joined the New Brockton Police Department once again.

After returning home from overseas, Cobb joined the New Brockton Police Department once again.

## Sen. Richard Shelby plans town meeting

U. S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) will address Coffee

County residents at a town meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 501 South Main Street in Enterprise.

Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative agenda for the 109th Congress as well as important issues facing the nation and the state of Alabama. Following his remarks, Sen. Shelby will open the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Sen. Shelby said, "Over the years, these meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for area residents to listen and voice their opinions on the

activities of our government. This will be a great chance to discuss the important issues facing our state and our nation as we begin the 109th Congress."

Sen. Shelby has held over 1200 county meetings since being elected to serve the state of Alabama. As part of his commitment to Alabamians, Sen. Shelby holds a county meeting in each county once a year.

This meeting is open to the public, and members of the media are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## SEARP&DC names 2005 board members and officers

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (SEARP&DC) announces the election of its 35 member board's new 2005 officers. SEARP&DC is governed by a 35 member board that consists of 5 members from each of the seven counties served by the Commission. These seven southeastern Alabama counties consist of Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston.

Chairman of this newly elected Board of Directors is retired former Vice-President of Alabama Power Company Southeast Division - Eufaula, W. Roy Crow. First Vice Chairman is Coffee County Commissioner Chairman, Robert Stephens. Second Vice Chairman is Daleville Mayor West Etheredge. Houston County's Commissioner Chairman, Mark Culver, is Secretary/Treasurer.

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission provides a wide range of services to communities. These include Community and Economic

Development, Head Start, Senior Aides, Wiregrass Transit, and Southeast Alabama Network. Other services include Revolving Loan Fund, Microloan Program, grant services, planning services ED infrastructure development services, mapping services and State Data Center affiliate services. Information concerning

services are available at 334-794-4093 or <http://www.sanman.net/searpc/searpc.htm>. Barbour county members of the Commission's Board are: Mayor Jay Jaxon, Commissioner G. Berry Forte, and Commissioner Frank Straughn.

Coffee county members of the Commission's Board are:

Mayor Kenneth Boswell, Gladys Yelverton, and Commissioner Jim Thompson. Covington county members are County Commission Chairman Greg White, Mayor Danny Franklin, City Councilman David Lindsey,

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## Area Happenings

**THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 6 (TONIGHT), at 7 p.m. at the board of education office in Elba.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

**THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION** will hold its monthly meeting on the 13th of Jan. 2005 at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information please call Filizbeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077 or Charles Jester at 334-308-2724.

**ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME** will host the Elba Bariatric Support Group meetings beginning Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. in the conference room with a "Let's Get Acquainted" meeting. The support group meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. and moderated by Cindy Murphy CDM, CFP. Dietary Clinical Manager of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. Dr. J. David Nye, Bariatric Surgeon from Pensacola, Fla., will be moderating the support group meetings four times per year; dates in which Dr. Nye will attend and other speakers will be advertised. For any questions concerning the support group meetings, contact Cindy Murphy at (334) 897-2257 ext. 297 or 230 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.



From Left to Right: Houston County Commission Chairman Mark Culver, Secretary/Treasurer, W. Roy Crow, Chairman of the Board, retired former Vice President Alabama Power Company Southeast Division - Eufaula; Daleville Mayor West Etheredge, Second Vice Chairman; and Coffee County Commissioner, Robert Stephens, First Vice-Chairman.



## EDITORIAL

## Liberal senator fails to understand Greenville

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In the wake of one of the world's worst disasters, with the death toll from the earthquake and resulting tsunami in Asia continuing to grow, it seems almost stupid to read that in the United States we have people up in arms because two assistant managers at a Wal-Mart reportedly killed a stray cat. The story goes that the cat had taken up residence in a company storage trailer and efforts to keep her out had failed. The store manager then reportedly told the two to get a gun and get rid of the cat. They did and the incident got reported to the police. All three have been suspended and will probably be fired. While we have a lifetime of owning and caring for animals, our thoughts are also to put such in perspective. Firing three people, plus court fines, etc., can you even fathom what would be said this week about such a cat killing in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Indonesia and other disaster ravaged countries of Asia? Some of those desperately hungry, starving folks would probably grab up the dead cat and cook it for dinner.

Now before all the world's cat lovers threaten to tar and feather us over the above comments, be aware that we have never shot a cat.

There are no official news releases on this but it appears that the coyote population continues to explode in this part of the country. It may be that those we have are just getting braver, they do have a reputation for daring exploits in search for food. Their survival methods are legendary. Anyway, lately we are seeing more and more, both alive and dead along the sides of the roads. Several weeks ago we saw one standing in the edge of a field, in a break in an old fence row. Since it was about two in the afternoon our imagination thought "rabit" etc., but we didn't have the gun of the above Wal-Mart employees and could do nothing but keep driving yet that incident is still disturbing.

Deer hunters should have hit the jackpot if they were out hunting last Wednesday morning. We almost stopped as a trophy buck froze in panic right in the middle of the highway about five a.m. Then about 10:30 that same morning a large doe tufted across the highway in front of us. Apparently it was a great day to be a deer hunter, or maybe a coyote was trailing each of them.

While many of you were out celebrating New Year's, at least two granddaughters were at home entertaining grandchildren. Mom and dad volunteered us as baby sitters while they went to a party or two. We were "asked" if it was okay but that was unnecessary as we fell over each other agreeing to the idea. . . . and didn't know for a week exactly how many days we would have the two young children! It didn't really matter as we are not exactly known as the "party type" but do cherish our grandchildren.

Well the only happy college football fans in this area are probably the Auburn Tigers supporters. Monday night they had a convincing Sugar Bowl win against a good team.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one missing person, one theft of property, two for harassment, four for burglary, one disorderly conduct, three for assault, two for criminal mischief, one unauthorized use, one leaving the scene of an accident, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one dog incident, one breaking and entering a motor vehicle and one domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for disorderly conduct, two for assault, one for criminal mischief, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for no insurance, one for reckless driving and one for attempting to elude police.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
MONDAY, DEC. 27  
Accidental stabbing reported at 957 Morrow (12:49 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 28 - River stage - 8.57 feet (7:00 a.m.); Burglary reported at New Zion Church at the intersection of Hwy. 84 E and Hwy. 87 S (11:14 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 715 Reynolds (10:56 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29 - Burglary reported at 588 E.

THURSDAY, DEC. 30 - River stage - 8.17 feet (8:30 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Elba General Hospital parking lot (11:06 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Christian Mission on Buford St. (3:22 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a residence at Burch's Trailer Court (5:30 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1854 Hickman Ave. (6:14 p.m.); Prowler reported at 15299 Hwy. 87 S (9:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 31 - Stabbing reported at a trailer on Jackson St. (10:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Kingston Hwy. (10:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Jackson St. (10:10 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JAN. 1 - Routine activity.

SUNDAY, JAN. 2 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1113 Martin Luther King Dr. (2:04 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported at 1543 Powell Circle (11:50 a.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 1855 Hickman Ave., Lot C10 (2:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 26146 Hwy. 87 N (5:19 p.m.); Accident reported on Reese Ave. (10:36 p.m.).

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If Senator Feingold's name is familiar, it might be because of the campaign finance legislation that passed in 2002 which partially bears his name. The McCain-Feingold Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act changed the way political campaigns get their money, making it possible for some groups and persons, like billionaire George Soros, to continue to funnel millions into attack ads while the Act limited the free speech of others like the NRA and Right to Life.

Senator Feingold's article titled "Going south" details his apparent decision to visit Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in November. While I don't agree with much of what Senator Feingold does in Washington, I do at least applaud his decision to visit the state and the world renowned golf trail. And he did acknowledge the beauty of Alabama and the friendliness and exemplary work ethic of our people. But that was about the extent of his generosity.

On December 21, the on-line site Salon.com ran an op-ed written by Senator Russ Feingold, D-Wisconsin. Senator Feingold's article titled "Going south" details his apparent decision to visit Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in November. While I don't agree with much of what Senator Feingold does in Washington, I do at least applaud his decision to visit the state and the world renowned golf trail. And he did acknowledge the beauty of Alabama and the friendliness and exemplary work ethic of our people. But that was about the extent of his generosity.

## BOARD

businessman C. L. Kirkpatrick and Bernard Stewart.  
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retired educator, Ernest Smith; retired educator, Mary Ethel Williams.  
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He formed his sweeping conclusions, he admitted, after taking a short drive through town.

I have been in Washington for 12 years and as a member of the Congress I, too, have traveled in places which I do not represent. I have seen many communities which would envy the accomplishments of the Camelia City. I will not name names, but I can tell you that there are lots of towns in other states, including Wisconsin, which would jump at the chance to claim Senator Feingold's brand of politics and don't like it. Mr. Feingold simply cannot understand that the American people place moral values first. This is the reason that Greenville and much of the country was colored red as he pointed out.

If the senator returns to Alabama to play golf, I hope he will take the time to visit Greenville again and see what he missed - a town optimistic about its future and proud of its traditional values.

Suppliers or have the famed Robert Trent Jones Golf Course in their midst, not to mention the proximity to good infrastructure, and a warm climate.

Senator Feingold, who surely knows better than the local folk, made clear that things would be better in Greenville if all the people receive better health care. I would note that Senator Feingold conveniently left out that his record in the U.S.

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Samford University with C.C. Baptist Association to offer classes

Samford University with Coffee Baptist Association will offer classes in Coffee County starting on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee Baptist Center at 603 E. McKinnon in New Brockton. Classes begin on January 10 and continue through March 28, 2005. Joshua - OT 114 will be taught by Rev. Leon Adams.

Samford University will give continuing education credits. For further information, call (334) 894-6411.

## "STAMPFEST 1 to be held January 29th

The Panhandle Philatelic Society will host "STAMPFEST 1". The first of four shows in 2005 on Saturday, January 29. The show will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 Carol Ave. (next to Home Depot) Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Some dozen Stamp Dealers from all over the South will offer a wide variety of United States, Confederate, and worldwide stamps and covers as well as stamp collection supplies and literature. Many dealers will offer informal, verbal appraisals of stamps and stamp collections.

Collectors of all levels of expertise, as well as interested non-collectors are invited to come to sell, trade, buy, or just browse among the thousands of stamps and other items on display.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. W.K. ELLISON  
HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

### Strangling stronghold of addictions

Part I

Addiction is one of the cruellest of all yokes because it deceives us unmercifully and ruthlessly. It comes to us like a friend, promising to bring comfort. It kisses us on the cheek like Judas, stealing from our treasury, then rents us for a cheap fee to the opposition. Addiction is a yoke that convinces us we must wear it to survive. Nothing makes us feel more powerless. No ungodly master is a more unyielding dictator. Countless people, even those in the body of Christ have concluded that they are hopeless to overcome this relentless beast. After more failures than they can bear to count, many believers accept earthly defeat as compulsory and await a freedom that will only come from heaven. The accuser of the brethren chides them constantly with his tally of failures and convinces them that they are unable to derail the miserable cycle of self-loathing.

No matter whether your addictions are to substances or behaviors, God can set you free. What He requires from you is time, trust, and cooperation. The immense power of an addiction is rarely broken in a day. You see, God has as much to teach us as He has to show us. He could show us His power by instantaneously setting us free from all desire for our stronghold. Often, however, God chooses the process of teaching us to walk with Him and depend on Him daily. If He delivered us instantly, we would see His greatness once, but we would soon forget... and we'd risk going back. On the other hand, if God teaches us victory in Christ Jesus day by day, we live in the constant awareness of His greatness and His sufficiency. Hard lessons are often long-lasting lessons. Never forget that God is far more interested in our getting to know the Deliverer than simply being delivered.

Sources: "Strangling Strongholds of Addictions," Praying God's Word by Beth Moore. For "A battle for our children," A Prophetic Vision For the 21st Century by Rick Joyner.

## Spring registration open at Enterprise-Ozark Community College

Registration is now open for Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Spring Semester. The term offers courses during the full-term and two mini-terms at

Free trees to be obtained from The National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2005.

The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Hawthornes, 2 American Redbuds, and 2 Goldenraintrees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2005. Or go online to [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

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\*\*\*JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Jessie Whitfield, Jr. - Jan. 1; Melissa Kelley - Jan. 3; Anthony Robinson - Jan. 3; Lanchetta Cross - Jan. 3; Zeala Smith - Jan. 6; Martha Gilford - Jan. 7; Pastor W. K. Ellison - Jan. 7; J. C. & Neat Rodgers - Jan. 9 (W.A.)



Jeanie M. Fleming

\*\*\*WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

Jennie M. Fleming was born August 8, 1928 in Elba, Ala. The mother of three children. She is a retired educator and retired MAI AG USAR.

Fleming is a graduate of Herbert H. Lehman College, Bronx, N.Y.; Battalion Manager, BTMS, ALARNG, Ft. Taylor Harding, Montgomery. Served 31st SPT BN Alabama Army National Guard, Enterprise, 71L (enlisted). She tested and attended at Alabama Military Academy.

Free volunteer training to be held at Wiregrass Hospice

A free Volunteer Training will be conducted on January 18th and January 20th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Wiregrass Hospice Office located in Glover Avenue. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Anita Cawley at 334-347-3353.

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!

# LIFESTYLES

## Isabella Clements celebrates 2nd birthday



Isabella Danyale Clements

Isabella Danyale Clements celebrated her 2nd birthday on December 23, 2004 with an Elmo Party.

Helping Isabella celebrate were her parents, Christopher and Jenny (Smith) Clements, her little sister Alceson Rose Clements, Poppie and Nana Billy and Jenny Clements, Uncle William Clements, cousin Joseph Clements, Mrs. Betty Corley, Sherry (Corley) Stahr and Damian Stahr. Isabella had a great time eating cake, ice cream and playing with all her wonderful gifts.

## New Arrival

SYDNEE ADA STINSON.



Sydney Ada Stinson

Derrick and Jennifer Stinson announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Ada Stinson. Sydney was born October 27, 2004. She weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and 19 1/2 inches long.

Sydney is the granddaughter of Edna Sue Stinson and the late Earl L. Stinson of Elba and the late Glenda Adams of Dothan, Ala.



Cody Sanders

Cody Sanders celebrates 4th birthday recently

Cody Sanders celebrated his 4th birthday with a Spiderman party on Monday, December 27, 2004. The party was held at his grandparents' home in Elba. Family and friends helped celebrate. Cody is the son of Joseph and Cyndi Sanders of Ft. Bragg, N.C. He is the grandson of Kay and Steve Sanders, and Larry and Gerolinda Smith, all of Elba. Cody has a little sister, Valarie.

Pottery Shoppe being offered at EOCC

Challenge your creativity with Pottery Shoppe! This special interest course at Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Enterprise Campus is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay as well as for those who have worked with clay in the past. Each student will complete at least one piece of hand-built pottery and must purchase clay and tools for \$20.00 at the first session. Dothan pottery master David Plunkett will be teaching this course which will be held on Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., January 24-February 28. The registration deadline is January 18. There is a \$40.00 fee for the course. For more information, call 334-347-2623, ext. 2234.

ROWA meeting set for January 11th

The Retired Officers' Wives Auxiliary will meet for Brunch at 10:30 A.M. on January 11, 2005 at the Aviator's Landing. All wives and widows of retired officers are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required to be made prior to noon on Friday prior to the Brunch on Tuesday by calling one of the following: Reservations chairman Mary Rutkowski 347-4966; Barbara Laumeyer 598-4813 - for Daleville; Twylar Brannum 794-4547 for Dothan; Bert Block 347-6385 for Enterprise; Ruth Donohoo 734-5039 for Ozark. The Enterprise ladies will host this Brunch. For more information call Sue Cobb at 347-5571.

## New books available at Elba Public Library

LARGE PRINT FICTION

Stewart, Mariah — Dead Certain  
Feehan, Christine — Dark Destiny  
Fephan, Christine — Hot Blooded  
Graham, Heather — In the Dark  
Macomber, Debbie — Navy Woman  
Skye, Christina — Code Name: Nanny

LARGE PRINT CHRISTIAN FICTION

Highland Legacy  
Boeshaar, Andrea — Wisconsin  
Pearl, Jane — Gallant Bride  
Henderson, Dee — The Truth Seeker  
Bliss, Laurelee — Kaleidoscope

FICTION

Demille, Nelson — Night Fall  
Lescroart, John — The Motive  
Coben, Harlan — Just One Look  
McBain, Ed — Alice in Jeopardy  
Delinski, Barbara — Twilight Whispers  
Brown, Sandra — Demon Rumm

Young Wives Case, John — The Syndrome

NONFICTION

Pelzer, Richard — A Brother's Journey: Surviving a Childhood of Abuse  
Kogak, Lisa — Dr. Robert Atkins  
The True Story of the Man Behind the War on

Carbohydrates Bonnickson, Thomas M. — America's Ancient Forests: From the Ice Age to the Age of Discovery

ABRIDGED BOOKS ON TAPE

Kellerman, Jonathon — Twisted  
Schulz, Dallas — Sleeping Beauty  
Cresswell, Jasmine — The Refuge

UNABRIDGED BOOKS ON TAPE

Smith, Alexander M. — The Girl Who Married a Lion & Other Tales From Africa  
Moskowitz, Michael — The Power of Kaballa  
Waller, Robert J. — Slow Waltz in Cedar Bend

LARGE PRINT WESTERNS

Boggs, John D. — Sparks on the Prairie  
Brand, Max — Peter Blue  
Brandt Lyle — Justice Gun  
Cotton, Ralph — Sabre's Edge  
Gorman, Ed — Ride into Yesterday  
Patten, Lewis B. — Vow of Vengeance  
Wheeler, Richard S. — Vengeance Valley  
Hogan, Ray — Overkill at Saddlerock



Grant Hudson

## Grant Hudson is three years old

Grantham (Grant) Hargett Hudson celebrated his third birthday on December 28, 2004 with a Chuck E Cheese party. He is the son of Rob and Kelly Hudson of Matthews, N.C. and the grandson of Bobby and Barbara Hudson and Shirley Hargett.

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ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH  
SAMSON, Ala.  
Richard Thera, Sr. Pastor  
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service - 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Nathan Carroll - Pastor  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service - 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

BETHLE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Eddie Phillips-Copus, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH  
Dorothy Caldwell, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Tom Sene, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service - 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

CHERRY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. Martha Baxter  
Church Service - 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
E. B. Hill, Minister  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.  
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.

FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
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HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC  
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# Green Thumb Gardening Tips. . . . .

with County Agent Stan Windham

## Hints on growing Herbs in small containers

**Growing Herbs in Containers**  
There are several excellent reasons to grow herbs in containers. Some herbs such as mint, oregano, catnip, and horseradish can be invasive in the garden and are easier to control in pots. In many areas of Alabama, chalky soils with a high pH make herbs difficult, if not impossible, to grow. Pot can be placed in convenient locations close to the kitchen and can be easily sheltered in winter. Container grown herbs can be quite beautiful and make attractive accent pieces in gardens and entrance ways and on porches and balconies.

### Containers

Containers may be made of clay, wood, plastic, metal, or other materials. They should be large enough to support fully grown herbs, have plenty of holes in the bottom for adequate drainage, and never have held products that would be toxic to people or plants. Remember that drainage can be hindered when the container is set on a solid flat surface. Raising the container an inch off the surface will help maintain drainage.

### Planting Medium

A good planting medium for containers will provide rapid drainage yet have sufficient water retention to keep the root zone uniformly moist. "Soil-less" potting mixes work best and can be purchased from garden centers. Coarse-textured media will drain better and are easier to water than fine-textured media. Occasionally, these mixes are so light that containers and plants are blown over by strong winds. Place a layer of gravel or broken clay pots in the bottom of the container to increase its weight.

### Sunlight Requirements

## Wintertime control of rats and mice

Many types of rodents may cause problems in home settings. Squirrels, flying squirrels, and chipmunks may become a nuisance from time to time, but the most troublesome and potentially harmful are rats and mice. In the winter, these rodents try to move in and help you enjoy the holidays.

Norway rats, roof rats, and house mice are "commensal" rodents; that is, they live in close association with humans. Rats and mice may cause harm by transmitting disease, destroying property, and biting.

Two species of rats are the most frequent offenders. Neither the Norway rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) nor the roof rat (*Rattus rattus*) are native to North America. They both arrived on boats from Europe along with the early settlers. While these introductions were not intentional, Norway rats and roof rats have established themselves as permanent residents.

Although Norway rats can climb, they tend to inhabit the lower floors of multi-story buildings. In general, Norway rats are troublesome close to the ground, while roof rats inhabit the rafters.

Rats are usually nocturnal, however, as population densities increase they may be seen during daylight hours. They have an excellent sense of smell, taste, and touch.

Like Norway rats and roof rats, the house mouse is not native to North America; it too, arrived with the European settlers. House mice usually weigh less than 1 ounce and are grayish-brown in color. They are masters at gaining access to buildings and will chew, gnaw, climb, or swim to reach their destination.

House mice are primarily nocturnal. However, unlike Norway rats and roof rats, seeing mice during daylight hours does not necessarily indicate a high population density. House mice will eat just about anything, but they prefer grains and seeds. However, they eagerly consume foods high in fat, protein, or sugar. One characteristic that distinguishes them from Norway rats and roof rats is their ability to survive with little or no free water. They get the water they need from the foods they eat.

Effective rodent control involves exclusion, sanitation, and chemical control. Wherever possible, buildings must be made rodent-proof. Rats and mice can climb wires, cables, vines, and trees to enter a house.

They can climb the exterior siding of structures made of wood, concrete, or rough sheet metal. Rats may crawl along pipes up to 3 inches in diameter. The front teeth of rodents are not designed for gnawing hard, flat surfaces. However, if the surface is rough or has an edge to it, they can gnaw through most materials.

Rats have been known to gain entry into a structure through holes as small as 1/2 inch. Mice can enter through openings of 1/4 inch. Blocking possible entrance holes with secured sheet metal can help control rodent access to a building. Sheet metal cones or guards on pipes and cables may help prevent rats and mice from crawling or climbing to gain entry. Rat and mouse control is best achieved by combining exclusion techniques with a strong program of sanitation and poisoning.

Most baits are anticoagulants with a cumulative toxic effect. Death occurs about 4 or 5 days after the rodent first eats the bait. These do not produce bait.

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Most herbs require full sun (at least 6 hours of direct sunlight a day) and will not thrive with less. Many homes do not get enough sunlight for herbs. Supplemental light may be required. Even a south-facing window receives less sun than most full-sun gardens. Even patios and balconies are shaded for a large part of the day and most herbs will not thrive under these conditions. The beauty of container grown herbs is that they can be grown in an area that receives sunlight but also may be moved temporarily for convenience when you need to use them.

### Watering

How often you water your containers depends on the herbs planted, the pot, and the weather. Pots can dry out quickly in the heat of summer and will probably need to be watered every day. When it is cooler in the spring and fall, you may not need to water as often.

### Fertilizing

All container plants need to be fertilized. Constant watering leaches nutrients out of the soil. Soluble fertilizers are convenient and should be used according to the instructions on the label. Slow-release fertilizers are formulated for constant feeding based on soil temperatures over a period of months. Because container-grown herbs get hotter and require more watering, fertilizers may be used more frequently than indicated. If under fertilized, most herbs stop growing, fail to flower, and lose their leaves.

### Growing Life

Many herbs which are annuals or are commonly treated as annuals will look attractive in

containers for only one season (dill, parsley, basil, cilantro, etc.). Others, such as rosemary and thyme can thrive in containers for several years. You can bring your herbs into house in the fall. Even though many will

## Best time to prune fruit trees

The end of February and early March are usually the best times to prune fruit trees in this area. If you want to have good yields and high quality fruit, you need to take the necessary time to do a good job of pruning your fruit trees. These include apples, peaches, plums, pecans, blueberries, scuppermons and blackberries. There is a real art to pruning your fruit trees. The first step is to understand your tree's fruiting habit so you will know which branches to cut. Every fruit tree species requires a little bit different method of pruning, making it difficult to discuss in one article. So take some time to study your particular fruit trees if you do not already know. Pruning helps to reduce disease, improves the plant's vigor, influences flowering, fruiting and the size and quality of the fruit. If your fruit trees have not been producing well, lack of a good pruning could be the culprit.

### Fertilizing Fruit Trees

February is a good time to fertilize fruit trees. Applying fertilizer now allows time for the roots of the trees to take up those nutrients and move them on into the trunks and limbs before new shoot growth appears. Most trees put their major growth on during the first few months of spring. Most fruits require a second application of fertilizer (mostly Nitrogen) about six weeks from the first application. Peaches, plums and especially strawberries will need an application of fertilizer after harvest. This

gives the plant a chance to regain its strength after carrying a heavy fruit load.

Pecan trees are a little unique in that they need Zinc. An easy way to apply that is to buy a pecan special fertilizer with Zinc already in it, or adding Zinc Sulfate. Zinc can be supplied by adding 8 pounds of Zinc Sulfate per full-grown tree every 5 years. Here is a list of general yearly fertilizer recommendations.

Peaches - 2 pounds of 8-8-8/tree/year of age (up to a maximum of 10 pounds/tree, split in 2 applications).

Plums - 2 pounds of 8-8-8/tree/year of age (up to a maximum of 10 pounds/tree, split in 2 applications).

Pecans - 2 pounds of 8-8-8/tree/year of age (up to a maximum of 120 pounds/tree, split in 2 applications).

Strawberries - 2 quarts of 8-8-8/100 ft. row after harvest.

Blueberries - 1/4 pound of 8-8-8/plant/year of age, (up to a maximum of 2 pounds/plant split into 2 applications).

Scuppermons - 1/2 pound of 8-8-8/plant/year of age (up to a maximum of 7 pounds/plant).

Blackberries - 2 quarts of 8-8-8/100 ft. row in two applications. The second application of fertilizer should be made approximately six weeks from the first. It is helpful to know that a 15 oz. Pea can hold close to one pound of fertilizer and a 3 lb. coffee can holds 7 pounds of fertilizer.

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Does poultry litter offer benefits other than the fertility value?

Applying litter to the land will increase soil organic matter over time. Increased organic matter is very desirable, mainly because it increases the water-holding capacity of the soil. Increased organic matter also improves soil tilth.

Will nutrients in litter carry over to another year?

All of the phosphorus and micronutrients and most of the potash (K2O) not used by the crop will carry over because these nutrients are held by the soil. Some of the N is tied up in soil organic matter if it is not taken up by the crop or leached deep into the soil. Organic N is slowly released as the organic matter mineralizes. About 10 percent of the total N is carried over into the third year. Therefore, second- and third-year applications to the same land can be reduced.

Exactly how much N remains in the soil for crop growth the second year is difficult to determine. It is affected by the amount applied, rainfall, temperature, soil aeration, crop removal, and many other factors. However, limited research

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## CONTAINER GARDENING

One of the most versatile and creative forms of gardening is container gardening. Some reasons for container gardening are:

Your backyard or traditional gardening space is limited or unavailable.

Your time for gardening is limited.

Your mobility is limited to working in raised beds or containers.

Your gardening site is unsuitable for growing the plants you want to grow because of poor drainage, soil conditions, or too much shade or sun.

The biggest disadvantages to growing plants in containers are the maintenance, requirements of watering and fertilizing.

Choosing A Container

The container must have a hole for adequate drainage.

The container must be large enough to hold the minimum amount of soil required for mature plants to grow in.

The type of container used depends on the location and the plant selected.

Avoid using black containers in full sun.

Remember that terra cotta and other porous containers wick water away from plants.

Consider whether the plant will do well in a windy site.

Decide whether the container needs to be attractive (in a place of high visibility).

Remember to coordinate container color with plant materials. Containers can be painted to create a different look or to create a cooler surface that will reflect heat.

Consider whether you may want to move the container to a different location. If so, keep in mind the weight factor. Styrofoam peanuts can be used in the bottom of the container rather than filling it fully with soil mix. Also, the new Eurocast planters are lightweight and decorative.

Vegetables

Most vegetables are grown in a particular season of the year and therefore make excellent container garden plants.

Some recommendations for container-grown vegetables are snap beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, Swiss chard, cucumbers, eggplant, kale, turnip or mustard greens, lettuce/salad greens, onions, green pepper, radishes, summer squash, tomatoes, and cherry tomatoes.

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Plants for Mixed Container Gardens

Full Sun to Partial Shade

Leaf lettuces  
Wax begonia  
Red fountain grass  
Marguerite sweet potato vine

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Full Sun to Partial Shade

Chives  
Mints  
Geraniums  
Mealy cup sage  
Partial Shade to Shade

Asparagus fern  
Coleus  
Full-Sun  
Verbena  
Gomphrena  
Narrow-leaf zinnia

The most critical and time-consuming part of maintaining container gardens is watering. This is particularly true as plants mature and roots leave very little soil in containers. As a general rule, plants grown in full sun require thorough watering two to three times a week. Mature plants may have to be watered once or twice a day during the hot days of summer.

Containers can also be placed on trays filled with gravel or marble pebbles covered in water to help keep moisture without creating a drainage problem.

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## FBLA members participate in Job Shadowing project

As a part of their curriculum, FBLA members who are enrolled in a business took part in a job-shadowing project. The goal of the project was to familiarize students with possible career choices available to them. Lindsay Leverett shadowed Mrs. Sharon Stinson who works for East Central Mental Health. Mrs. Stinson is a Registered Nurse/High Risk Care Manager. She works with people who have mental disabilities, such as schizophrenia. Lindsay went with Mrs. Stinson as the assistant manager, finance manager, and office manager. Melanie got to help fill out financial paper work on dirt bikes that had been bought the previous day and handout papers that told the salesman what kinds of sales they could offer that particular day.

Keri Flowers shadowed Mrs. Laura Williams Jordan. Mrs. Jordan is an accountant for the National Security Group, Inc. in Elba, Alabama. She works on bank reconciliation for the company as well as heading the Sarbanes-Oxley program for the group. Mrs. Jordan served as president of Alabama Future Business Leaders of America when she was a senior at Zion Chapel. She was named to Who's Who in Alabama FBLA and was honored at the National Leadership Conference that was held in Orlando that year.

Shea Manning shadowed Ms. Gena Murphy who is an accounts receivable clerk for pediatrics. She works with data entry to post the patients account and also files medical claims electronically. Ms. Murphy also works at SARHA.

All the students who participated in the project reported that they learned a great deal from the activities of their day.

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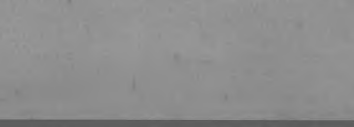
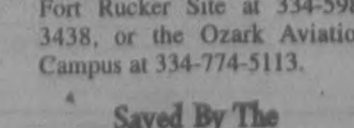
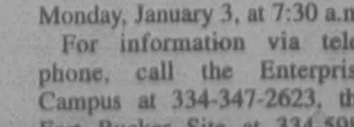
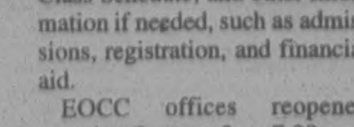
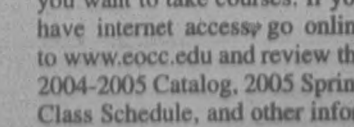
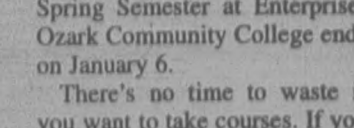
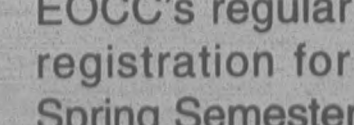
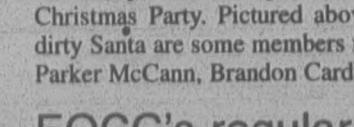
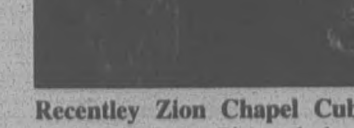
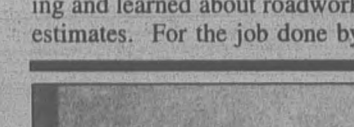
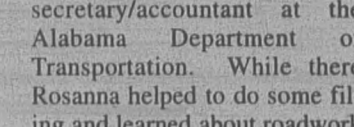
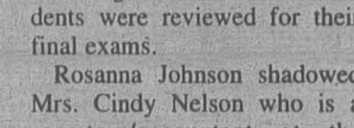
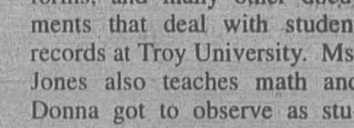
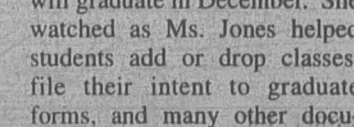
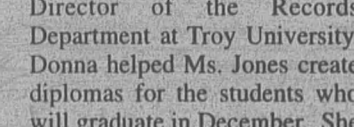
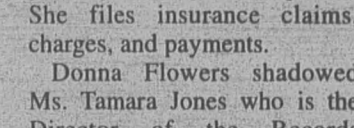
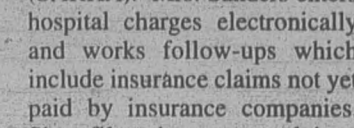
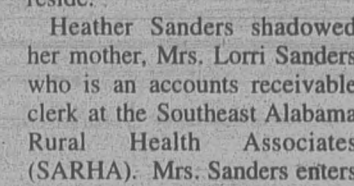
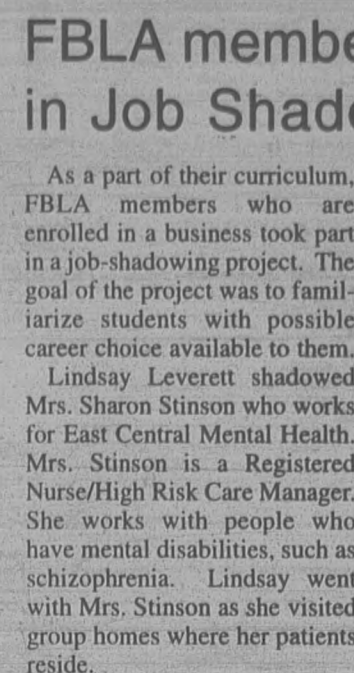
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# SCHOOLS

## Beta Club members tour Golden Flake factory

A trip to tour the Golden Flake factory in Birmingham was the activity of several members of the Zion Chapel Beta Club and their sponsor, Mrs. Cara Knight. They were accompanied by Mr. Harry Lees who drove the bus and Mrs. Rachel Bryan who made the trip as an additional chaperone—and just for fun.

At Prattville, the group stopped to enjoy a late breakfast, early lunch at the Cracker Barrel restaurant. After breakfast the group had enough time to make it to the Golden Flake factory with a little time to spare. They were met by a tour guide who explained what they were about to see and told them that all had to wear hairnets. And no hair could show—it all had to be under the hairnet.

How a potato becomes a chip, how dough is mixed to make corn chips, and how corn is puffed to make cheese puffs were all explained on the tour. Samples were given to everyone at every department.

The tour guide also told the group how many pounds of potatoes are used weekly (in the thousands of pounds) and from where the potatoes come (from Alabama to Montana).

The trip to Birmingham ended with a trip to the Galleria for a little Christmas shopping (or looking) and a snack before making the bus trip home. The

## Landmark Park offers winter bird workshops

Landmark Park will provide the opportunity this winter for bird lovers to learn how to attract birds to their home or property. Three different workshops will be offered to provide helpful information about bluebirds, hummingbirds and purple martins.

All the workshops are free with park admission and begin at 10 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at Landmark Park. Although the programs are free, reservations are requested to ensure adequate seating. Reservations can be made by calling the park office at 334-794-3452.

**BLUEBIRD WORKSHOP - Jan. 15.** Gerald Hartley, a member of the North American Bluebird Society, will conduct this workshop. He has been actively involved in bluebird conservation in the Wiregrass Region since 1976 and has a great deal of information to share concerning the eastern bluebird, construction and placement of nesting boxes and tips on attracting bluebirds to your home or property.



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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Sealed bids for the construction of WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS in Elba, Alabama will be received by the Water and Electric Board of the City of Elba, Alabama, at the Elba City Hall until 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 14, 2005, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.  
The work generally consists of the following: approximately 17,000 LF of water main, 15 valves, 4 fire hydrants, 700 LF of steel casing, pressure reducing valve, and other related items.  
Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of CDG Engineers & Associates, Inc., 1840 U.S. Highway 29 North, P.O. Box 278, Andalusia, Alabama 36420, upon deposit of \$75.00 for each set. The deposit will be refunded upon receipt of the plans and specifications. Plans and specifications are returned in reusable condition within 10 days of the bid opening.  
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality. Each bidder must submit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the information for bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.  
All bidders must comply with the requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work for which a proposal is submitted. The submission of the Bidders' current State of Alabama license number will be required before his bid will be received or considered.  
Disasters often cause damage to drinking water supplies and delivery infrastructure, leaving large numbers of people without water or at risk from life-threatening illness due to inadequate water disinfection.  
That is why emergency management personnel frequently rely upon the products of chlorine chemistry to restore safe drinking water. From water disinfection chemicals, such as calcium hypochlorite, sodium hypochlorite and caustic soda, and surface disinfectants, to chlorine-based plastic pipes and water containers, the products of chlorine chemistry have an important role in disaster relief.  
International disaster relief agencies such as the Red Cross use these potent germ-killers to provide safe drinking water to areas suffering from floods, tornadoes, earthquakes and hurricanes that wash high levels of life-threatening microorganisms into existing water supplies.  
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Here's a tip: Anyone who experiences water contamination due to natural or human-made disasters should clean and disinfect anything that came into contact with the water, including interior and exterior walls, kitchen utensils and appliances, as well as children's playroom equipment and toys, with a simple solution of three-quarters of a cup of chlorine bleach in a gallon of water.  
To learn more about the benefits of chlorine chemistry, visit the Chlorine Chemistry Council® at [www.c3.org](http://www.c3.org).

**ESTATE OF JAMES E. WYROSODICK DECEASED PROBATE COURT PC-04-91**  
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 22nd day of December, 2004, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
/s/ Mary Frances B. Wyrosodick Personal Representative  
/s/ William O. Gammill 12-30, 1-6 & 13 pd

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES H. HOLLS, DECEASED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. PC 2004-42**  
This day came Neil Hines, Executor of the Estate of Charles H. Hollis, deceased, and filed her account, vouchers, evidence and statements for a partial settlement of said estate. It is ordered that the 26th day of January, 2005, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement if they think proper.  
Witness my hand, this 26th day of December, 2004.  
William O. Gammill  
JUDGE OF PROBATE 12-30, 1-6 & 13 chg

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Coffee County Commission is studying the feasibility of an improvement to the county road system as follows:  
RESURFACE CR 156 FROM THE AL HWY 67 NORTHERLY TO THE AL HWY 27 FOR APPROXIMATELY 3.00 MILES.  
It is the intention of the Coffee County Commission to apply for federal aid funds to accomplish construction of the proposed improvement. Any persons or groups desiring additional information or desiring to make comments either written or oral, concerning the economic effect of this proposed project should write to the Coffee County Engineer's Office, P.O. Box 428, New Brockton, Alabama 36351, or telephone (334) 894-6112. 1-6-1tc

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## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

### 101 ways to make nutrition and health resolutions a reality

By Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA  
Frequently, our resolutions for the New Year focus on improving our health, exercising, and losing weight. All too often, despite our good intentions, many of us find ourselves slipping into our old habits of unhealthy eating and inactivity early in the year. Nearly six in 10 Americans resolve to lose weight, exercise more, or make some other health related changes in their lives. Yet, only 10 percent of Americans strictly stick to their resolutions, while another 24 percent do so occasionally. This means that 66 percent of us don't keep our resolutions at all.

You may already know that there is an epidemic of obesity in the United States. Over 60 percent of adults and 16 percent of our children are either overweight or obese. Eating right and being physically active are vital to promoting health and reducing the risk for death or disability due to chronic diseases such as heart disease, certain cancers, diabetes, stroke, and osteoporosis.

Adopting a healthier lifestyle involves healthy eating and physical activity in a series of small attainable steps. It may not be the easiest thing to do, but when it comes to obesity and overweight, we all must work together to improve our lives and the lives of our children.

These 10 simple steps are designed to help you achieve your goals. Try them out, and then pass this information along to a family member or friend who may also be in the midst of a battle with New Year's diet and exercise resolutions.

**HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE TIPS**  
1. Don't try to do everything at once! Set one or two specific, realistic nutrition and physical activity goals and you will be more likely to stick to them.  
2. Focus on changing behavior in small steps. Drink water or low fat milk instead of high calorie beverages with your meals. Eat a salad as a first course with your dinner. Start your day with breakfast. Walk about 2,000 steps per day. When dessert is a must, make it fruit.  
3. Write your goals down and post them in a visible place, like the refrigerator door.  
4. Log your progress. Keep a journal or chart to track your progress toward your goal.  
5. Reward yourself with a favorite activity when you reach your goals. Watch a ball game or take a bubble bath when you've

stuck to your exercise goals for a week.  
6. Enlist supporters. Share your goals with friends and family and ask them to check in with you to see how you're doing.  
7. Recruit a friend or family member to participate in your physical activity and nutrition resolutions with you. Commit to exercising together! Walk or ride bikes with the whole family. When eating out, share an entrée or dessert with a friend.  
8. Look for opportunities to increase activity in your day. Take the stairs rather than the elevator. Choose the far away parking space rather than the one closest to the door.  
9. Control your environment. What triggers your behavior? Don't have high calorie snack foods in the house if you are trying to lose weight; keep fruits and vegetables handy to snack on instead. Put your walking shoes out to remind yourself to exercise.  
10. DON'T GIVE UP! Accept that you will probably slip up once in awhile. Forgive yourself and get back on course by renewing your resolutions throughout the year.  
For more information and tips on how to make your resolutions a reality please visit: [www.healthierUS.gov](http://www.healthierUS.gov)

### USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service • conducting survey of sheep and goat producers

USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting a survey of sheep and goat producers Nationwide beginning late December and continuing through January. The Alabama Statistical Office, a field office of NASS, will be coordinating the survey in Alabama.

This will be the first survey to capture goat statistics on an annual basis. Every five years, the Census of Agriculture collects inventory numbers and sales of goats along with many other livestock and crop statistics. According to the 2002 Census, Alabama goat inventory numbers increased dramatically since the previous census was taken in 1997. From 1997 to 2002, the number of goats on farms increased 44 percent to over 50,000 head statewide. The number of goats sold during the same period increased 36 percent. Total sales of sheep, goats, and products in Alabama was

over \$1.5 million in 2002, according to the census.  
Perry Mobley, Director of the Alabama Farmer's Federation Sheep and Meat Goat Division, encourages all producers to cooperate on the survey. "This is a golden opportunity for goat and sheep producers to arrive at a more accurate assessment of the impact of their industries on the state's and nation's economies. This could mean a great deal to the sheep and goat industries in the future in terms of available research dollars and federal programs. I encourage all sheep and goat producers to take part in the survey."

Herb Vandenberg, Director of the Alabama Statistics Office, stated that current and accurate numbers on the goat industry are vital for producers and the organizations that represent them. "We have seen a huge increase in goat numbers in Alabama over the past 10 years. However, with the size and

### FEMA extends registration deadlines

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today advised Alabama officials that it had granted the state's request to extend the registration deadline an additional 60 days. The new deadline for applying for individual assistance is March 3, 2005.

"We've already helped more than 157,000 disaster survivors register for assistance," said Bruce Baughman, Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and state coordinating officer for the disaster recovery effort. "It was clear from the number of callers that we needed to keep the registration period open if we were going to reach all the people who need help."



## SPORTS

Views From....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It took a couple of days to decorate the Mularz house for the holidays as we strung lights inside and out and put up two Christmas trees, but it only took a couple of hours to box all the decorations back up and put them in the garage for safe keeping until next year. As the girls get older it seems we have to decorate more to get into the holiday spirit, and while that does make the house more bright and cheery, it also reminds me the girls are getting older and that is one thought I try to forget. Oh well, get ready, because another year is off and running!

## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers closed the year with a wild win over Pike County and will carry an 8-5 record into the 2005 portion of their schedule. The Tigers scored their only points of the first quarter with only three seconds left in the quarter and trailed 14-0 at the time, then after pulling within 24-20 at the half, scored only two points the first seven minutes of the third quarter to allow Pike County to move ahead 35-22. Elba trailed by eleven points early in the fourth quarter and appeared to be headed for a home loss, but came to life and hit six three-pointers in the final quarter to rally and pull out the win. The Tigers have played hard all season and have overcome the loss of two starters to claim eight wins. However, the Tigers have suffered from scoring lapses in almost all their games and last week's game with Pike County was another case of losing their way to the basket as the Tigers scored only two points over a span of fifteen minutes and forty-four seconds in the first and third quarters. Elba's wild finish enabled the Tigers to pull out the win, but unless the Tigers can settle into a pattern of scoring consistently the win total may not climb as high as many hope.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers closed the holidays with a big win over Pike County and will enter the new year with a 7-4 record. The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start against the Lady Bulldogs and appeared to be in trouble, but came to life late and when Pike County tried to press the Lady Tigers used their quickness and skills to score easy baskets and blow the game open. I will admit I looked at the schedule before the season began and penciled in a lot of wins for the Lady Tigers due to a lack of quality opponents. However, the Elba girls have played much better than I thought they would and really caught my eye last week with the win over Pike County. If the Lady Tigers will keep working hard and keep improving they could very well make some big news before they hang up their sneakers.

\*\*\* Both the New Brockton Gamecocks and New Brockton Lady Gamecocks made the long trip over to Red Level three days last week to compete in the Red Level Christmas Tournament, and while the teams enjoyed a different level of success, the three games did both teams good as they prepare for the stretch run and area opponents. The Gamecocks won only once in three games, but played hard every time they hit the court and could have easily won two games except for a last-second shot in a loss to Straughn. The Lady Gamecocks won their first two games to make it to the finals, and gave highly-ranked Samson all it could handle in the finals before running out of gas. The Lady Gamecocks had struggled prior to the holidays, but will no doubt come back ready to play after bringing home the second place trophy.

\*\*\* After watching a bit of college bowl action the last few days I have come to the conclusion that bowl games are little more than something to put on TV between the commercials. In the BCS games there are commercials after every possession, and in a few games there would be commercials after a touchdown and then again after the ensuing kickoff. To make it worse ESPN tried to show every bowl game played, and many of the games created little interest among even the most devoted football fans. The network would have countless story lines about players, past-players and anything else that might stir some interest. I watch the games for the games, not the pregame shows or the stories about the players. One thing is certain, there are far too many bowl games.

\*\*\* The Southeast Sun Daily Life Sun-Courier announced its 2004 "Terrific 12" high school football team last week and one honor that was highly deserved was naming New Brockton's Coach Shannon Clark as the Coach of the Year. A former New Brockton player under Coach Leavy Boutwell, Coach Clark has watched as many teams changed to wide-open offensive attacks, but has remained true to the sport and has stayed with his belief that the team that is most physical will win the contest. His first two teams at New Brockton struggled to a combined record of 2-18, but Coach Clark stuck by his beliefs and over the past three seasons has led the Gamecocks to a record of 20-11, including two seven-win seasons. There aren't many coaches like Shannon Clark left on the sidelines these days, and that is what makes this honor so rewarding. Great job, Coach!

\*\*\* Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the holidays and was complaining about being bored now that the high school football season had ended. The local gridiron guesspest admitted he was also a basketball fan, and after a while we decided that in the weeks to come he will post his weekly "River Ratings" in this column each week and rank the top boys and girls teams in the area. I am sure he will cause some arguments among some fans, but I guess that may be what he does best. The first poll will be next week. So, get ready.

\*\*\* In closing... the Elba Tiger family lost one of its bravest members recently when Shandez Daniels passed away only two days after celebrating his 26th birthday. Shandez was a multi-sport athlete at Elba High back in the mid 90's and prior to his senior season decided to join the football team. He had already made his mark as a star on the basketball court, but wanted to help the football team in its quest to bring home a third state championship and used his unique athletic ability to earn a spot at wide-receiver and on the special teams. His career, and life, changed tragically on Homecoming night back in 1995 when on a kickoff he closed in to make a tackle and after the play was left motionless on the turf at Tiger Stadium. The young athlete had sustained a broken neck on the play and after emergency surgery was left paralyzed from the neck down. He returned home two months after the accident, but went through numerous procedures over the years to help him live a more comfortable life. It was always great to see Shandez at basketball games over the years and even this season he came to a junior high game and sat in his motorized wheel chair in the corner of the gym with his eyes bright, no doubt remembering the many nights he thrilled Elba Tiger fans with his skills on the court. While the accident many years ago and his death last week was a tragedy, I urge Elba High School officials to keep his memory alive forever by retiring his jersey number and hanging it in a prominent place in the high school gym. Shandez was and will always be an Elba Tiger, and he literally gave his life to wear the black and gold of Elba High.

Follow the bouncing ball each week right here in ....

The Elba Clipper  
"SPORTS"

Tigers claim 8th win of season

## Wild finish lifts Elba past Pike 49-47

The Elba Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally and erased an 11-point deficit with a barrage of three-pointers as they pulled out a wild 49-47 win over the Pike County Bulldogs, last Tuesday in Elba.

The Tigers couldn't find their way to the goal in the first quarter and watched as the Bulldogs took complete command by opening up a 14-0 lead with 47 remaining in the stanza. Elba finally got on the scoreboard with 03 left on the clock on a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley, but entered the second quarter on the short end of the 14-3 score.

Pike County upped its lead to 16-3 early in the second quarter. However, the Tigers began to show signs of life and cut the Bulldog lead to 16-8 with 5:54 left in the stanza after a three-pointer and a jumper by Brandon Kelley. The Bulldogs extended their lead to 20-8 with 4:42 left in the quarter and owned a 22-10 lead with 4:12 left on the clock, only to see Elba go on a 10-0 run to pull within 22-20 with 2:16 still left in the half.

A long jumper by Mason Gulley ignited the Tiger rally, while Reymar Rogers scored twice on twisting lay-ups inside and LaRay Williams scored on a put back as Elba battled its way back into the game.

Pike County scored late in the second quarter to take a 24-20 halftime lead and opened the third quarter with a 5-0 run to put its lead to 29-20 with 4:22 left in the stanza. Reymar Rogers scored on a driving lay-up with 3:57 left for the Tigers first points of the quarter, but the Tigers didn't score again for the next three minutes and watched as Pike County took advantage of the Elba scoring drought to regain command. The Bulldogs moved on top 35-22 with 1:31 remaining in the stanza.

Elba's LaRay Williams scored five points for the Tigers in the final 47 of the quarter to help Elba cut the Pike County lead to 36-27, but the Bulldogs took command midway through the stanza and went on an 11-2 run to take a 31-27 lead with 3:20 left in the quarter. A lay-up by LaFondra Thigpen stopped the Lady Bulldog run, and YoYo Reynolds and Ashleigh Waddail both scored late in the quarter as Elba cut the Pike County lead to 35-33 with one quarter remaining.

The two teams swapped baskets early in the final stanza and the score was tied at 36-36 with 5:44 remaining, but Elba's Whitney Lawford drained a long three-pointer from deep in the corner with 3:43 remaining to put the Lady Tigers back on top 39-36 and Elba outscored Pike County 12-3 over the final three minutes of the game to pull away and claim the 52-39 win.

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scored first in the final quarter and with 7:28 left in the game the Bulldogs owned a big 38-27 lead.

Elba's LaRay Williams connected on a three-pointer to cut the Pike County lead to 38-30 with 7:19 on the clock, while Mason Gulley drained two long three-pointers in a thirty-second span to pull Elba within 40-36 with 6:02 left in the game.

Pike County stretched its lead to 43-36 with 5:19 left and appeared to have weathered the Tiger rally, but the Tigers were far from finished as Reymar Rogers converted a free-throw and LaRay Williams scored from inside to cut the Pike County lead to 43-39 with 3:56 on the clock. Mason Gulley nailed his third three-pointer of the quarter with 2:04 remaining and Brandon Kelley added his third three-pointer of the game with 1:36 remaining to pull the Tigers even at 45-45!

Pike County went back on top 47-45 with 58 left in the game. However, Elba's Mason Gulley connected on his fourth three-pointer of the quarter with 3:2 left and the Tigers had their first lead of the night at 48-47. The Tigers converted only 1 of 4 free-throw opportunities in the closing 15 of the game, but kept Pike County off the board and held on to claim the wild 49-47 win.

Mason Gulley scored 14 points, including 13 points in the final stanza, to lead the Tigers in the win, while LaRay Williams also scored 14 points and Brandon Kelley added 11. Moses Griffin scored 15 points to lead Pike County.

EL 3 21 6 22 12 - 49  
PC 14 6 12 11 - 47

ELBA (49): Gulley 14, Williams 14, Kelley 11, Rogers 7.

P.C. (47): Rodgers 3, Daniels 15, Foster 4, Griffin 6, Johnson 11, Reynolds 12, Tyson 7, Waddail 12.

## JV GAME

The Elba Tiger junior varsity

## Elba Lady Tigers rally to down Pike County 52-39

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early in the fourth quarter and then slowly pulled way to claim an impressive 52-39 win over the Pike County Lady Bulldogs, last Tuesday night in Elba.

The Lady Tigers came out ice cold from the field in the opening stanza and trailed 7-0 with 3:17 left in the quarter, but did convert from the free-throw line late in the quarter as Ashleigh Waddail and LaFondra Thigpen both made two free-throws to cut the Pike County lead to 7-4 after one quarter of play.

Back-to-back three-pointers by Elba's LaFondra Thigpen in the opening minute of the second quarter helped the Lady Tigers move ahead 10-7, while Thigpen and YoYo Reynolds sparked a 6-0 run midway through the quarter as Elba moved on top 17-13 with 3:44 remaining in the half.

The Lady Tigers took their biggest lead of the half at 21-15 with 1:32 left on a driving lay-up by LaFondra Thigpen, but saw Pike County rally late and at the half the Lady Tigers went in with a narrow 21-20 advantage.

YoYo Reynolds scored two quick baskets to open the third quarter as Elba extended its lead to 25-20. However, Pike County

took command midway through the stanza and went on an 11-2 run to take a 31-27 lead with 3:20 left in the quarter. A lay-up by LaFondra Thigpen stopped the Lady Bulldog run, and YoYo Reynolds and Ashleigh Waddail both scored late in the quarter as Elba cut the Pike County lead to 35-33 with one quarter remaining.

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EL 4 17 12 19 - 52  
PC 7 13 15 4 - 39

ELBA (52): Waddail 12, Thigpen 18, Lawford 3, Reynolds 12, Tyson 7, Waddail 12, P.C. (39): Sanford 11, Smith 9, Foster 9, Lampley 2, Baker 8

## High School Basketball SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6  
McKenzie at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB  
Providence Christian at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7  
Elba at Luverne (4:30) JV-VG-VB  
New Brockton at Highland Home (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Goshen at Brantley (4:30) JV-VG-VB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8  
Samson at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11  
New Brockton at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB



Elba's Mason Gulley (3) scores from in close during a recent Tiger win. Gulley hit four three-pointers in the fourth quarter last week to help Elba rally past Pike County 49-47.

fell behind 17-2 in the opening stanza and never recovered in a 53-39 loss to Pike County. The Tigers trailed 15-0 early in the first quarter, and even though they pulled within 15-14 at the end of the first quarter, they made little difference as they suffered the home loss 53-39.

Jimmy Morris scored 17

points to lead Elba, while Starks led Pike County with 11 points.

P.C. (53): Beecham 2, Law 3, Wilson 6, Carlton 10, Bailey 11, Foster 4, Griffin 6, Johnson 4, Z. Johnson 4, Nickson 2, Starks 11.

Elba (39): Harrelson 2, Butts 2, Reynolds 3, Martin 5, Morris 17, Tillis 6, McCormick 4.



Elba's Whitney Lawford (10) goes up for shot in recent action. The Lady Tigers improved their record to 7-4 last week with a win over Pike County.

(Photo by The Southeast Sun)

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## SPORTS

By The Dothan Eagle

## Elba's Kelley named to "Super 12"

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2004 "Super 12" high school football squads last weekend and included among the honored list in the small school division was Elba Tiger quarterback Brandon Kelley.

Kelley, a junior, led the Tigers into the Class 2A state playoffs and was a standout both as a quarterback and punter. At quarterback Kelley completed 94 of 191 passes for 2,149 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 501 yards and 9 touchdowns, while at punter he averaged 39.7 yards per punt.

"Brandon did an excellent job for us at quarterback, punter and late in the season as a defensive back," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "He had to learn a lot under our new offensive system, but never complained and really had a great year at quarterback. We asked him to be a coach on the field, to read defenses and make calls at the line of scrimmage, and he did a good job in his first year at the position. He is a super young man both on

and off the field and is very deserving of the honor."

Others making the "Small School" division list included: Michael Curry, RB, Cottonwood; Wes Windham, DL/OL, Geneva County; Eugene Evans, TB/LB, G.W. Long; Alex Burkett, PK, Houston Academy; Stanley Jones, TB/FS/KR, Houston Academy; Da'Shawn Carter, OL, Houston County; Tavares Black, RB, Houston County; Aaron Reeves, WR/DB, Arion; Dillon Johnson, RB/LB/FS, Abbeville Christian; Dan Foster, LB, Early County; Player of the Year - Marquis Coachman, DE/TE, Cottonwood. Coach of the Year - William Whitcomb, Cottonwood.

The Super 12 in the "Big School" division included: Raven Gray, DE, Enterprise; Ontrel Adams, QB, Dothan; Jeremy Thomas, LB, Northview; Quavian Lewis, LB/TE, Charles Henderson; Joey Moultry, RB/DB, Charles Henderson; James Carter,

## At Red Level Tourney

## Gamecocks post one win in three tries

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Following are highlights of the tournament action:

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New Brockton Gamecock takes a shot as he heads toward the basket. The Gamecocks will swing into area play in coming days against Highland Home and Elba.

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NEW BROCKTON LADY GAMECOCKS.... placed second in last week's Red Level Christmas Tournament. Pictured above are (kneeling, l-r) Vanna Marshall, Sheri Eaton, Yameka Hall, Hannah Dueit, (standing, l-r) Mgr. Whitney Brantley, Maressa Loman, Brittany Brantley, Amber Adams, Valarie Hutcherson, Felecia Grimes and Statistician Sonya Hornsby.

(Photo by John Wallace, AndalusianStar/News)

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The New Brockton Elementary Student Government Association recently collected over 500 pounds of food for the Elba Christian Mission Center. Accepting the donation for the Christian Mission is Jennie Jenkins, Elba Bargain Center Manager and Cathy Denison, Marketing Director, Christian Mission. Offices of the SGA left to right: Danny Mock, Vice President, Heather Hendrix, President, Aubrey Hawkins, Secretary, and Claire Bailey, Treasurer. "We salute these young women for their outstanding job in helping us to feed the many hurting in our area. The Christian Mission fed 66,000 people last year and the needs are growing each day." "We appreciate their willing hearts in helping our Ministry" said Cathy Denison, Marketing Director, Christian Mission.

## TOWN

(Continued from Page One)

said applications and resumes will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24.

Council members were presented a letter of agreement regarding the addition of a K9 unit to the police department. The agreement was from officer Jerome Cobb in which he would

donate his dog to the town for \$1 providing the town agreed to meet various requirements including paying for food and medical expenses, as well as, insuring the dog.

Mayor Cole said the training of the dog would be donated, therefore, the only cost to the

town would be food and medical expenses.

Harrison said she was a little concerned about the medical expenses portion of the agreement. She said this could cost the town lots of money if the dog were ever injured.

Harrison said she would like to see a limit set on how much the town would spend on medical expenses before the agreement is signed. Also, White said he would like to get an estimate on how much the insurance will

cost.

With this questions at hand, the council voted to table the letter of agreement until more information could be provided and possible some adjustments made to the agreement.

Mayor Cole reminded everyone that the town offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Due to the holiday, he said the working group meeting will be Monday, Jan. 24.

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The following is one of the many stories made famous by Lewis Grizzard:

He Up And Died And Broke My Heart (November, 1993)

My dog Catfish, the black Lab, died Thanksgiving night. The vet said his heart gave out.

Down in the country, they would have said, "Lewis' dog up and died." He would have been twelve had he lived till January.

Catfish had a good life. He slept indoors. Mostly he ate what I ate. We shared our last meal Tuesday evening in our living room in front of the television. We had a Wendy's double cheeseburger and some chili.

Catfish was a gift from my friends Barbara and Vince Dooley. Vince, of course, is the athletic director at the University of Georgia. Barbara is a noted speaker and author. I named him driving back to Atlanta from Athens where I had picked him up at the Dooley's home. I don't know why I named him what I named him. He was all curled up in a blanket on my back seat. And I looked at him and it just came out. I called him, "Catfish." I swear he raised up from the blanket and acknowledged. Then he severely fouled the blanket and my back seat.

He was a most destructive animal the first three years of his life. He chewed things. He chewed books. He chewed shoes. "I said to Catfish, 'Heel,'" I used to offer from behind the dias, "and he went to my closet and chewed up my best pair of Guccis." Catfish chewed TV remote-control devices. Batteries and all. He chewed my glasses. Five pairs of them.

One day, when he was still a puppy, he got out of the house without my knowledge. The doorbell rang. It was a young man who said, "I hit your dog, but I think he's OK." He was. He had a small cut on his head and he was frightened, but he

was otherwise unharmed. "I came around the corner," the young man explained, "and he was in the road chewing on something. I hit my brakes the second I saw him." "Could you tell what he was chewing on?" I asked. "I know this sounds crazy," the young man answered, "but I think it was a beer bottle."

Catfish stopped chewing while I still had a house. Barely. He was a celebrity, Catfish. I spoke recently in Michigan. Afterwards a lady came up to me and said, "I was real disappointed with your speech. You didn't mention Catfish."

He got his own mail. Just the other day the manufacturer of a new brand of dog food called "Country Gold," with none other than George Jones' picture on the package, sent Catfish a sample of its new product. For the record, he still preferred cheeseburgers and chili.

Catfish was once grand marshal of the Scottsboro, Alabama, "Annual Catfish Festival." He was on television and got to ride in the front seat of a police car with its siren on.

He was a patient, good-natured dog, too. Jordan, who is five, has been pulling his ears since she was two. She even tried to ride him at times. He abided with nary a growl.

Oh, that face and those eyes. What he could do to me with that face and those eyes. He would perch himself next to me on the sofa in the living room and look at me. And love and loyalty would pour out with that look, and as long as I had that there was very little the human race could do to harm my self-esteem.

Good dogs don't love bad people. He was smart. He was fun. And he loved to ride in cars. There were times he was all that I had. And now he has up and died. My own heart, or what is left of it, is breaking.

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## Vandals leave path of destruction in Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Authorities continue to search for the person(s) responsible for two separate acts of vandalism that occurred either sometime late Thursday night, Jan. 6, or early Friday morning, Jan. 7, in northern Coffee County.

The most serious act was the burning of a timber bridge on County Road 365, a dirt road

just inside the Elba jurisdiction of the county.

With no residences on the road, the fire was well underway before being discovered, and it is hard to say when it actually began. However, authorities did find evidence where the vandals/arsonists soaked the bridge in a substance, most likely gasoline or diesel fuel, to ensure complete destruction of the

bridge.

"Much to our dismay and disgust, a vandal set fire to one of our bridges last Thursday night or early Friday morning," county engineer Randy Tindell said Monday morning, Jan. 10, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission. "It's sad when we have fighting and insubordination across the world and we have this type activity in our own backyard."

He said the one-lane, five-span timber bridge was 85 feet long and 16 feet wide. The road is now closed because the bridge was completely destroyed by the fire.

Tindell said there are no residences on that particular road, but it is highly traveled by surrounding residents.

"The taxpayers of Coffee County will have to pay for the replacement of this bridge," he said.

According to Tindell, the estimated cost of rebuilding the bridge will be \$40-50,000. He said the worst part is that the county just recently completed a project on the bridge where approximately \$3,000 was spent in replacing rotten timber on the bridge.

Tindell said he thinks an incident like this should outrage the public enough, especially with the people having to foot the bills for such destruction, that they will keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it to local authorities.

Susie Stokes, a resident of County Road 359 which is adjacent to County Road 365, was in attendance at the commission meeting, and she said she has complained on many occasions about the vandalism on that

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The Newbla voting house in northern Coffee County became victim to vandalism late Thursday night, Jan. 6, or early Friday morning, Jan. 7. Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department were notified of the building's damage Friday morning. It appears a vehicle was rammed into the front of the block building causing extensive damage. Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department continue to investigate this incident, and anyone with information that might lead to the capture of the person(s) responsible should call the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. at (334) 894-5535.

## Group addresses Elba City Council

## Some residents of Beaver Dam Trailer Park upset over letter sent by city

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council was met by a room full of upset citizens Monday evening as they convened for their first official meeting of 2005.

A group of residents from the Beaver Dam Trailer Park were present and demanding answers and relief.

Each of these residents had received a registered letter from the city notifying them that Elba had purchased the land and instructing them to move their mobile homes by April 1st. The letters were received on Christmas Eve by most residents, which further upset them.

Bufus Tillis, who was spokesperson for the residents, asked "What is going on? We are in the dark about this."

He noted that no one had discussed this with him, nor any of the other residents. All they knew was what they had read in the newspaper around Thanksgiving about the city planning to purchase the property.

Mayor James Grimes explained that the city had purchased the land and each of the trailer owners had been sent a letter. Grimes explained it was a safety matter, and the PAA was refusing to certify the Elba airport until those mobile homes were moved.

Tillis said, "We all knew the airport was there before we moved our mobile homes in there. Our families can't use the city if something happened to us because we knew it was there first."

He continued with comments that these people here (park residents) are human and have a soul. Those airplanes are metal and go to the scrap pile when unusable. He voiced an opinion that only about a dozen flights a week went in and out of the Elba airport, hardly enough to justify disrupting all these homeowners.

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another site would be about \$1,000 each.

At the recommendation of Mayor Grimes, the matter was tabled until city officials could study the issue further. Before the meeting adjourned, a special workshop was set for January 31st for council members to discuss the issue.

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Coffee County Road 365, a dirt road just inside the Elba jurisdiction in northern Coffee County, remains closed to traffic following an act of vandalism. The bridge on County Rd. 365 was discovered in flames Friday morning, Jan. 7, at approximately 7:47 a.m. Moments later, the Elba Fire Department was dispatched; however, by the time the fire was discovered, the bridge was engulfed in flames. The bridge was completely destroyed. It took firefighters quite some time to extinguish the flames as evidence was found that the bridge had been soaked in most likely gasoline or diesel fuel before being lit. The picture to the right reveals a burn trail found on the dirt leading to the bridge. Officials believe the fire was started at this trail. Anyone with information that might lead to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this fire, should contact the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

## Commission hears update on County Road 400 project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

County engineer Randy Tindell told Coffee County Commissioners Monday morning, Jan. 10, that rain is the villain holding up progress on the County Road 400 reconstruction project.

Tindell said the contractor for this project already has experienced several problems due to rain, and it looks like rain is going to continue to wreak havoc in the next few weeks.

He said the base and subbase for the road became saturated with water at one point, and the

contractor had to wait for it to dry out.

Tindell added that the contractor took necessary precautions on Friday to prevent further saturation delays as rain was predicted over the weekend. He said the contractor stopped his work to seal what had already been done so the rain water would not wipe out that progress.

However, additional rain will cause some delays in moving on with the reconstruction.

"We got about an inch and a half of rain over the weekend, and that will probably keep the contractor out for a week," Tindell said.

A second attempt to bid a project to construct a metal building at the landfill proved unsuccessful Monday morning; however, the county engineer was able to negotiate the project with a contractor that arrived late to the meeting.

According to law, the county is allowed to negotiate the project after two official bid procedures prove unsuccessful. There were no bids submitted for Monday's second bid procedure.

However, a representative from Trinity Construction arrived after the meeting had started, and commissioners gave Tindell the nod to negotiate the project with that company.

Following negotiations, Tindell recommended the commission enter into agreement

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